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UNDERWRITERS OPPOSED TO REGULATION

Leading Men of Hartford Fire Insurance Companies Turn Out to Beat Tingier Bill.

Do not Want a Board With Power to Hear Appeals and Make Just Insurance Rates—Tingier Says Fire Insurance is a Combination Worse Than Standard Oil.

Hartford, March 3.—Leading men in Hartford's fire insurance companies vigorously opposed yesterday before the insurance committee a bill introduced by Representative Tingier of Rockville providing for an insurance board of appeals, consisting of a merchant, a manufacturer and an insurance official, who should receive complaints as to rates and conditions and from whose decision there should be no appeal. Companies not complying with their decision would be debarred from business in the state. The committee would receive \$10 a day while in session and have a clerk at \$1,500 a year. The bill, according to Representative Tingier, was a copy of one introduced two years ago by Senator Judson. In advocating it Mr. Tingier said that if rates are arbitrarily raised there is no recourse under present law. This bill would prevent any combination raising rates above what they ought to be. President J. D. Brown of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company considered the bill neither fair nor reasonable. Insurance companies wouldn't have a fair chance before the commission. It was simply a move for a reduction of rates, and no legislation more unfriendly than this has anywhere turned up.

President William B. Clark of the Aetna said the bill was an intimation that the fire underwriters of the state don't know their business and need conservators. He gave figures to show that the companies are not making unnecessary profits or charging too high rates.

President D. W. C. Skilton of the Phoenix Fire said that under the bill no business in the state could afford to do business in the state. Asked if there really was competition in rates he said yes, more than he wished there was. Anyone desirous to get insurance at less than a "standard" rate can get it. He told of the need of having a large surplus to meet emergencies. Replying to questions of Mr. Tingier he wouldn't admit there was a combination to keep up rates.

President A. G. McIlwaine, Jr., of the Orient called the bill the most revolutionary ever before any Legislature. It meant that insurance men were either robbers or didn't know their business. In answer to a question he said there were companies that offer insurance at less than the combination, but declined to name them.

P. F. Small caused a stir by characterizing Representative Tingier as a paid attorney, which Mr. Tingier promptly resented. So did L. F. Robinson, who represents insurance interests. Mr. Small said Mr. Tingier's remarks showed great ignorance and Representative Foster of Rockville said that instead of insulting anyone Mr. Small should confine his remarks to the bill. Mr. Small apologized and continued in opposition to the measure.

Mr. Tingier claimed there was no competition for good insurance. "Talk about the Standard Oil as a trust," said he. "If you don't like it you can't get it out of independents. But if you don't like the rates of these companies, you must go without insurance."

SENATOR DOLLIVER ON "PUBLIC VIRTUES"

WESTERN STATESMAN TO BE CONTEMPORARY CLUB'S GUEST.

United States Senator J. P. Dolliver of Iowa, will speak upon "Public Virtues as a Question of Politics," before the Contemporary Club, which will meet at the residence of David F. Read, 725 Park avenue, Thursday evening, March 11, at 8:15 o'clock.

SUICIDE FOLLOWS ATTEMPT AT THEFT

MYSTERY IN IDENTITY OF MAN WHO KILLED HIMSELF IN SAVOY HOTEL, LONDON.

(Special from United Press.) London, March 3.—The identity of "J. M. Coleman" who committed suicide in the Savoy Hotel after an unsuccessful attempt to steal \$10,000 worth of gems from a jewelry salesman, is a mystery to the police today. Coleman registered at the Savoy as from Chicago, but the police doubt both the name and address. He was well dressed, rather good looking and the police believe he was a crook of considerable experience. Coleman had the jewels sent to his room at the hotel, explaining that they were for his wife and he wished her to inspect them. He tried to disguise himself and escape from the rear room of his suite, but the salesman's suspicions had been aroused and he followed Coleman as he was hurrying down the corridor. Coleman then slashed his throat and ran down two flights of stairs where he fell dead.

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PROPER LOCATION FOR CAR BARN

Editor of the Farmer:—Sir—The various plans which have been submitted for entrance to and exit from the proposed location of car barns seem to have increased the dissatisfaction regarding it. Therefore, a speedy abandonment of the proposed site for some location in the outskirts of the city would seem to be the only sensible solution of a problem the discussion of which has given so much annoyance to the people of the city for several months.

From first to last the proposed location has not been approved by the Board of Aldermen nor the committee which Mayor Lee has appointed to protect the interests of the city.

An invasion of its rights by the trolley company has, I think, been shown by a persistent disregard of the people whom it should serve with fairness and fidelity.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

SEES HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF IN DE LANEY'S CASE

"The City court discussions, and the part the clergy has taken in the matter calls to mind," said one of the attaches of the court today, "the fact that Abraham Lincoln was opposed by the clergy when he was a candidate for office. His candidacy was opposed by 21 clergymen of his own State, who fought against him from the pulpit and in every way possible. The preachers regarded Lincoln as a dangerous man and advised their congregations to defeat him. In spite of this opposition Lincoln was elected and lived to prove the fallibility of clerical judgment."

"It is possible that this very opposition helped to pave his way to the Presidential chair. If the rule is good it is possible that some day the friends of Alexander DeLaney, the able prosecutor of the city, may be welcomed by him in the White House. He should get there quicker than Lincoln for there are more names of clergymen on the anti-DeLaney petition."

BILL FOR WEEKLY INSPECTION OF JUNK

JOHN A. LEONARD APPEARS BEFORE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON SUCH LEGISLATION.

John A. Leonard, business manager for the Eaton, Cole & Burnham Company, appeared before the Judiciary committee, in Hartford, yesterday, on a bill regarding junk dealers. A provision of the bill requires a weekly inspection of junk yards by the police. Charles W. Cross of Hartford, asked for a later hearing. A number of Bridgeport manufacturers are said to favor this measure, who have suffered much loss through the depredations of thieves. It is believed that such thefts would in a large measure be prevented if the thieves found it more difficult to dispose of their stolen wares.

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NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE.

London's newest fire boat can pump 900 tons of water an hour.

Gasoline can be used as a soldering flux for very neat work.

The average cost of railroad mileage throughout the world is \$76,000.

New Zealand boasts of a death rate of only 9.57 per 1,000 population last year.

In a muffle furnace the temperature at the center is lower than near the walls.

If paint be strained before using it will cover more surface and wear better.

The Wisconsin State Militia is considering the formation of an aeronautic corps.

Pure milk, when frozen, preserves its original properties unchanged for weeks.

A mixture of powdered sulphur and oil will facilitate the cooling of hot bearings.

Mosquitoes are said to have damaged tea plantations in India by biting the young leaves.

The purity of Norwegian iron is largely due to the fact that it is smelted with charcoal.

Britons send on an average of two telegrams apiece each year, Americans, 11, and Germans 9.

Coating the inside of a show window with glycerine will prevent the formation of frost upon it.

Experiments in southern Burma with Virginia and Havana tobacco have proven a practical failure.

Oklahoma is the only State which requires the teaching of agriculture in all its country schools.

Russia is rich in asbestos and steadily is increasing the production of the Ural Mountains.

A three-ton motor truck recently was hitched to a plow to open the streets of Springfield, Mass., for gas mains.

An electric device for bakers allows dough to rise to the limit, then sounds an alarm when it begins to fall.

The tonnage of the United States battleships and armored cruisers totals 697,241 to Great Britain's 1,395,930.

Soaking a cheap lead pencil in linseed oil will improve its writing qualities and make its sharpening more easy.

If cold water be poured upon grease spilled upon a floor immediately it will prevent it from soaking into the wood.

In Texas alone prairie dogs annually eat enough grass to feed 1,582,500 cows, according to the Federal Forestry Service.

Furniture with a matt finish can be renovated with a thin solution of white paint in turpentine or by rubbing it over with linseed oil.

Field telephones provided with a specially light wire are to be added to the equipment of every infantry subdivision of the Austrian army.

Qualified authorities have estimated the standing timber in the United States all the way from \$22,862,000,000 to 2,000,000,000,000 board feet.

After being worked steadily over 60 years, emery mines near Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey, once the most important in the world, have become exhausted.

A French physician has devised a painless method of slaughtering animals by the use of electricity, electrodes being placed at each end of the spine.

A novel device by which a street car motorman can announce the streets to his passengers consists of a speaking tube leading to a megaphone within the car.

More than 40,000,000 pounds of coca leaves are annually harvested in South America, a vast amount being brought to this country for manufacture into cocaine.

Cholera is being successfully treated in India by a new method, which consists of hypodermic injections of morphia and copious draughts of water and hot tea.

A turbine pump for fire engines, driven by gasoline, in tests in England, has proven its ability to throw 400 gallons of water a minute with a steady, even pressure.

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Black Brilliantines, several grades, \$2.50 to \$4.98.

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